



tattersalls

newsletter **march 2003**



KEEP FIT IN 2003

2003 is off to a flying start in Tattersall's Athletic Department, where the year promises to be even more exciting and active than in the past.

Under the guidance of new AD Manager Brad Pamp, a series of new training initiatives have been introduced with group programs including Yoga, Pilates and a new program aimed at assisting our golfing members to maximise their ability by optimising their physical potential for the game.

In the pool, Swimming Stroke Correction, under the guidance of Olympians Chris Fydler and John Konrads, is proving very

popular. Where else in the City can swimmers find coaching of this quality?

The interest and participation in spinning classes has been so high that the Club has purchased five new Proteus Spin Bikes and a new virtual reality system is currently being installed to entertain 'spinnners' during their rigorous class.

Never has staying fit been easier or more fun than now at Tattersall's.



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from the chairman

Mark Bartrop has been selected from a very large number of applicants to be our new Secretary. Over sixty applications were received for the position and Mark stood out, in a very strong short list, as being the right man for the job.

Most recently, Mark has been General Manager of Pepper's Fairmont Resort and prior to that, General Manager of Pepper's Hunter Valley Guest House and Jenolan Caves House. In all, Mark has held senior management positions in the hospitality industry for over twenty years.

Mark will be taking over from our retiring Secretary, Tim Bowring, from the middle of March. We intend to farewell Tim at a special Chairman's Cocktail Drinks on Thursday 27 March from 6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. to which all members are invited. This will also provide an excellent opportunity to meet our new Secretary. I do hope that all members will come to wish Tim well for the future and to enjoy the occasion.

And while on the subject of new appointments, I am very pleased to announce that the Committee has elected Keith Brodie to replace Tim Maunsell who has recently resigned from the Committee. Keith will be well known to many of our regular members as a keen sportsman and regular user of the Club. Keith brings a wealth of business and sports acumen to the Committee. He is Company Secretary of The News Corporation Limited and is currently a director of the Cowboys Rugby League Football Club, the Melbourne Storm Rugby League Football Club and, for a little balance perhaps, the ACT Brumbies. Keith has a special interest in hockey and was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for services to Australian hockey.

To Tim Maunsell, I extend my thanks for his contributions to the Club during his time on the Committee.

I attended the first of the presentation nights for our sporting subgroups late in February. The Swimmers put on an excellent dinner at which Margie Turner was a very welcome special guest to

present the Harry Turner Waterford Wedgewood Calcutta trophy. In most respects, it was the traditional night of good food, great company and the usual suspects collecting the loot. For me, one thing stood out and it was the gift to the Club by Mark Rouffeil of an absolutely splendid perpetual trophy to be awarded to the Tattersall's Ocean Swimmer of the Year. This splendid and no doubt expensive artefact is substantially the cast ceramic head of a surf swimmer complete with goggles mounted on a solid cedar-like timber base.

In donating the trophy, Mark has continued a long tradition in Tattersall's Club of members who are able to do so, giving something back to the Club. In so doing, they earn the gratitude of us all as we enjoy a clubhouse increasingly adorned by beautiful and meaningful objects. Other members have in recent times donated (or lent) honour boards, paintings, drawings and sculptures. For all of these, the Club offers the chance of prominent display to articles which might otherwise gather dust and be unappreciated.

Do you have something you would like to give or lend to Tattersall's Club?

Russell Debney

Chairman



Join the chairman on the last Thursday of each month following the committee meeting for free drinks in the members bar





secretary's report

Resume

Mark Bartrop

Raised in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney I was educated at Waverly College completing the HSC in 1970, I have worked in various fields including Landscape Design, Printing Business and Funds Management. Over the last 15 years I have been involved in Hospitality as General Manager of 5 different properties as listed below. My love of sport has seen me involved as a player in Rugby, Cricket, Golf (22) and Sailing, the highlight of my sailing career was undoubtedly competing in the 1984 and 85 Sydney to Hobart.

Work Experience

1997-2002 General Manager

Peppers Fairmont Resort (Leura NSW)

1996-1997 General Manager

Peppers Guest House (Hunter Valley NSW)

1995-1996 General Manager

Jenolan Caves House (Jenolan Caves NSW)

1994-1995 General Manager

The Hills Lodge Boutique Hotel
(Castle Hill NSW)

1988-1994 General Manager

Rum Corps Resort (Windsor NSW)

Married to Deborah with 3 wonderful children Patrick 10, Adam 13 and Sophie 16. I am a resident of North Richmond at the base of the magnificent Blue Mountains.

I am extremely excited about starting at Tattersalls and look forward to working with Russell Debney, the committee and staff to carry on the fine traditions of the club.

tattersalls into the year 2003 calendar of events

april

4th Black Tie boxing tickets on sale

may

16th Black Tie boxing

directory of services

tattersall's club

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www.tattersallsclub.org

Founded 1858

Telephone | 02 9264 6111

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Banqueting | 02 9263 9204

Athletic Dept | 02 9264 5624

Office Hours

8.30 am - 5 pm | Monday to Friday

Brasserie

7 am - 3.30 pm | Monday, Tuesday & Friday

(bar meals available in the evening)

7 am - 9.30 pm | Wednesday & Thursday

Bar and Billiard Room

Noon - 9 pm | Monday to Wednesday

Noon - 10 pm | Thursday and Friday

Athletic Department

5.30 am - 9 pm | Monday to Friday

6 am - 6 pm | Saturday

Noon - 5 pm | Sunday

club news

Tattersalls Centenary Cup

The Tattersall's Centenary Gold Cup was run at Randwick 25 May 1958. The winner of the race was Prince Dante ridden by Mel Schumacher. Owner of Prince Dante were Tattersalls Club Members J. O'Riordan and W.J. McIver. O'Riordan joined the club in 1920 and McIver in 1928. They showed their appreciation by opening the bar on settling time the following Monday.

The race meeting was attended by 700 Members and 750 children.

The family of the winners of this magnificent trophy have notified the Club, of their intention to sell the trophy. "This is a fine piece of Tattersall's history, which should be preserved for the Club." said outgoing Secretary Manager Tim Bowring.

Would any member interested please contact Tim directly at the club before the end of March.



Farewell for Tim Bowring

Join The Chairman and Committee, to farewell outgoing Secretary Manager Tim Bowring after his four and a half years service.

Venue

The Members Bar at 6.30pm on

Thursday March 27.

The occasion will be the Chairmans Shout night and members and their guests are welcome.

The Timing Trick for Top Tailoring

The professionals at Vince Maloney have learned a few things over the years.

This week, for instance, they are popeyed, fingering through a few just-arrived sample-books of very new Ermenegildo Zegna fabrics woven for Spring-Summer 2003-4

The V.M. men will place, for themselves, personal orders for, say, a tailored-to-measure Summer luxury jacket and/or trouser, NOW.

This is because customers in Europe are already ordering from these fabrics for their Spring-Summer which starts next month!

If we wait 'till September to order tailored-to-measure Summer items, naturally the most interesting fabrics are likely to be sold out by then.

Ask V.M. to show you the pure-cashmeres for Summer jackets and (the cotton-and-cashmere Summer trouser fabrics.)



Vince Maloney On-The-Park
Next door to Tattersall's ph. 9264 8837



Faces behind the food

Claire Latham - Tattersall's Pastry chef

In Executive Chef Simon Flander's busy kitchen, the temptress behind the sweets and puddings, the fresh-baked breads and delicious pastries that have been delighting members for the past two and a half years, is our Pastry Chef Claire Latham

Claire's culinary education began at Westminster College London, from where she progressed to the kitchens of Brown's Hotel in Mayfair. Visiting Australia convinced her that warm Sydney was a better place to live than cold London and she brought her skills to the legendary Bilson's restaurant for five years.

Returning to Australia from a trip to the UK to sit her advanced pastry exams, Claire joined Tattersall's in June 2000 in a job that she says she loves.

Vale Paul Burcher Toose

Club member, Mr. Justice Paul Burcher Toose, sadly passed away in November.

Paul Toose was a descendent of the pioneering Burcher and Toose families of early NSW and became one of five generations engaged in law - the fifth being his granddaughter, who recently graduated in front of her proud grandfather.

Paul Toose was admitted to the bar after serving as a major in World War 2 and became a QC in three states, before following his father, Justice Stanley Vere Toose, onto the NSW Supreme Court. He served the court for over thirteen years becoming known as 'the settling judge' due to his commitment to the advantages of compromise leading to peaceful settlement.

Apart from the bench, he committed his time to a bewildering number of worthy bodies; one of his many achievements was the stewardship of the Federal Government's inquiry into repatriation. The resulting 'Toose report' set a course which

was carried through under the McMahon, Whitlam and Fraser governments.

Paul Toose retired to Sanctuary Cove, the development of which he was a vital influence by introducing the developer, the late Mike Gore, to Premier Joh Bjelke Petersen and then preparing the special legislation which was the first of its type in Australia, to create an integrated resort.

Tattersall's marks his passing and sends condolences to his widow Margaret and her family.

club news

We all know that Mark Twain said: 'Golf is a good walk spoiled', but golfers know that Mark Twain was wrong.

According to a recent survey golf is the largest participant sport in Australia with more than 10% of the adult population (1.4 million) playing the Royal & Ancient game.

Golf is also a favourite pastime for many members of Tattersalls and with this in mind the Club is pleased to announce an exciting new benefit exclusively for members of the Tattersalls Golf Club.

Tattersalls Golf Club has been developed in association with Teamfore Golf, Australia's first national golf club, which means members will be able to enjoy a wide range of benefits and savings as well as access to some of the finest golf courses in Australia.

One club - more than 100 courses!

Teamfore Golf has established a network of more than 100 affiliated courses across Australia where members of Tattersalls Golf Club will be able to play at specially reduced green fees (up to 50% discount) and enjoy the facilities on a similar basis to a reciprocal club arrangement.

In addition, each member of Tattersalls Golf Club will receive a personalised Teamfore Golf Member Passport which offers FREE golf rounds at various affiliated courses. The 2003 Member Passport includes more than 90 FREE rounds of golf at various courses, valued at more than \$4,500.00.

Members of Tattersalls Golf Club will also be eligible to obtain a fully maintained Teamfore Golf Handicap (calculated in accordance with the Australian Golf Handicap System) and play in regular golf days organised by Teamfore Golf, including the Grand Prix Series, a new national golf competition starting in May.

Members of Tattersalls Club who are not members of the golf club will be able to play in designated golf days organised by

If you play golf join the Club!



Teamfore Golf for Tattersalls at a member guest rate. The program of events for 2003 will be announced in the near future.

Receive one dozen Precept golf balls FREE!

The cost of membership of Tattersalls Golf Club is only \$132.00 per annum, which most members will find pays for itself after only two or three rounds of golf.

In addition, each member who joins before April 30th 2003 will receive one dozen Precept golf balls valued at more than \$50.00. Free.

For more information about Tattersalls Golf Club phone Tattersall's member Rod Austin 0414 426 782 or Teamfore Golf on 1300 88 32 64.

To join, complete the enclosed application form and return it to Tattersalls Club. The cost of membership will be charged to your account.

If you play golf be sure to join the club - the Tattersalls Golf Club.





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One club...

more than 100 courses.

Affiliated Golf Courses...

NEW SOUTH WALES

Metropolitan

Ashlar Golf Club
Asquith Golf Club
Bankstown Golf Club
Bardwell Valley Golf Club
Bayview Golf Club
Bonnie Doon Golf Club
Cabramatta Golf Club
Camden Lakeside Golf & Country Club
Carnarvon Golf Club
The Lakes Golf Club
Liverpool Golf Club
Macarthur Grange Country Club
Mona Vale Golf Club
Muirfield Golf Club
New South Wales Golf Club
North Ryde Golf Club
Oatlands Golf Club
Penrith Golf Club
Richmond Golf Club
Riverside Oaks Golf Club
Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club
St Michael's Golf Club
Wooloware Golf Club

Regional

Bonville International Golf Resort
Cypress Lakes Golf & Country Club
The Grange Golf Club
Highlands Golf Club
Horizons Golf Resort
Leura Golf Club
Mount Broughton Golf & Country Club
Newcastle Golf Club
Nelson Bay Golf Club (c)
Port Kembla Golf Club
Springwood Country Club
The Vintage Golf Club (c)
Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club
Wentworth Falls Country Club

QUEENSLAND

Metropolitan

Ashgrove Golf Club
Brisbane Golf Club *
Brookwater Golf Club
Carbrook Golf Club
Corinda Golf Course
Gailes Golf Club
Ipswich Golf Club
Keperra Country Golf Club
Logan City Golf Club
North Lakes Golf Club
Oxley Golf Club
Pine Rivers Golf Club
Redcliffe Golf Club
Riverlakes Golf Club
Samford Valley Golf & Country Club
Sandy Gallop Golf Club
Virginia Golf Club
Wantima Country Club
Windaroo Country Club

Gold Coast

Arundel Hills Country Club *
Club Banora
Coolangatta & Tweed Heads Golf Club
Emerald Lakes Golf Club
Gainsborough Greens
Glades Golf & Spa
Gold Coast Country Club
Hills International Golf Club
Koorabyn Golf Resort
Lakelands Golf Club
Lakeside Country Club
Palm Meadows Golf Course
Paradise Springs Golf Course
Robina Woods
Sanctuary Cove (The Palms)
Terranora Golf Resort

Sunshine Coast

Beerwah & District Memorial Golf Club
Bribie Island Golf Club
Caloundra Golf Club
Cooroy Golf Club
Mt Coolom Golf Club
Nambour Golf Club
Noosa Springs
Pelican Waters Golf Club
Tewantin-Noosa Golf Club
Twin Waters Golf Resort

VICTORIA

Metropolitan

Amstel Golf Club (Park Course)
Amstel Golf Club (Ranfurlie Course) *
Cranbourne Golf Club
Croydon Golf Club
Eastern Golf Club (c)
Green Acres Golf Club (c)
Heidelberg Golf Club (c)
Kingston Links Golf Club
Latrobe Golf Club *
Long Island Golf Club
Northern Golf Club (c)
Patterson River Country Club
Riversdale Golf Club
Rossdale Golf Club
Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club
Spring Valley Golf Club
Waverley Golf Club
Werribee Park Golf Club (c)

Regional

Barwon Heads Golf Club (c)
Beaconhills Country Golf Club
The Dunes Golf Links
Eagle Ridge Golf Course
Flinders Golf Club
Melton Valley Golf Club (c)
Moonah Links
Mornington Country Golf Club (c)
Portsea Golf Club
Rosebud Country Club
Sorrento Golf Club

* Member competitions and organised groups.
(c) To be confirmed

For more
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Rod Austin

0414 426 782

or Teamfore Golf

1300 88 32 64



The national golf club

Month 10 saw Peter Thiel and Pat Bryant tie for the 50 metres point score, with Shaun Clyne prevailing in the 100 metres.

Our final month of swimming was sadly marred by the passing of Harry Turner.

We will, and are already, missing his presence greatly. Personally a great chunk of happy moments have been removed due to my involvement with Harry and the Swimming Club.

We must however move on and I record here the success of our final club events, including the Club Championships, Christmas Scramble and swimmers lunch. The 400 metres was staged for the first time immediately preceding our lunch on 13 December, 2003 and the exciting racing with the underdog Peter Thiel winning against the might of Michael Ward added greatly to the occasion.

Manchester Unity Health Award 50m

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| 1. Peter Thiel | 34 points |
| 2. Pat Bryant | 34 points |
| 3. Gary Wilson | 30 points |

Brahimi Bistro Award 100m

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| 1. Shaun Clyne | 28 points |
| 2. David Castle | 26 points |
| 3. Pat Bryant | 21 points |
| 3. Phil Reichelt | 21 points |

YTD End Month 10 50m

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| 1. Peter Thiel | 222.5 points |
| 2. Andrew Torok | 208.0 points |
| 3. Richard Jagger | 202.5 points |

YTD End Month 10 100m

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| 1. Cesar Puertolas | 215.0 points |
| 2. Peter Thiel | 195.0 points |
| 3. John Greaves | 179.0 points |

Swimmer of the Month - Month 10 Manchester Unity

Award Committee's Choice - Pat Bryant

Final Points in the Col Bowes Memorial Trophy:

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| 1. Charlie Robinson | 52 points |
| 2. Mark Roufeil | 48 points |
| 3. John McCosker | 36 points |

Swimmer of the Month - Month 10 Manchester Unity

Winners Round 4: Shaun Clyne, Peter Thiel, Michael Ward, Phil Reichelt

Semi Winners: Shaun Clyne & Phil Reichelt

Final Winner: Phil Reichelt from Shaun Clyne and Michael Ward third

400m Championship Trophy

1. Peter Thiel
2. Michael Ward
3. John DeMestre

Championships - Open 50m

1. Michael Ward
2. John Harvey
3. Peter Thiel

Championships - Open 100m

1. Michael Ward
2. Peter Thiel
3. Richard Jagger

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| 30-34 | Peter Theil |
| 35-39 | Anthony Powter |
| 40-44 | John Harvey |
| 45-49 | Richard Farrell |
| 50-54 | Russell Debney |
| 55-59 | John O'Halloran |
| over 65 | John Greaves |

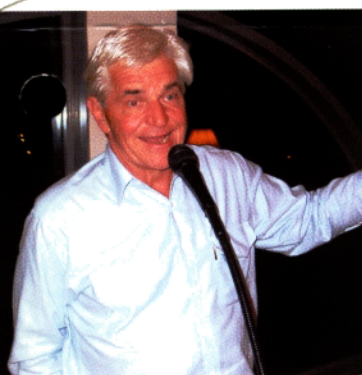


I must grow to rival the trophy

sport



Mrs Margaret Turner presenting the Harry V Turner cup to Phil Reichelt



John Conrad "this is how we are going to train"

Congratulations to all teams and swimmers for the brilliant results at the Cole Classic.

Tatts.A category 100-149. Place: 2 of 27

Team members: S.Clyne, J. De Mestre, S.Storry, P.Thiel

Tatts.B category 150-199 Place: 2 of 19

Team Members: M.Gillis, J.Harvey, K.Smart, C.Young

Tatts.E category 150-199 Place: 13 of 19

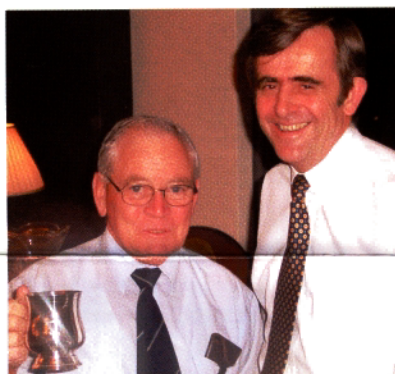
Team Members: G.Atkins, A.Huxtable, C.Puertolas, D.Robinson

Tatts.D category 100-149 place: 24 of 27

Team members: B.Maher, A.Quinton, P.Reichelt, S.Springett

Individual Participants:

J.Konrads, P.Joseph, D.Huxtable, M.Roufelli, M.Gallagher, D.Simpson, K.Glover, R.Farrell, B.Baird, A.Coorey



The swimming club is in good hands



I should have won that Trophy



Ocean swim competitors



Ocean swim competitors

swimming news

Super 12's rugby

will start this Friday in the main bar

Tipping Competition

Each week the club will conduct a weekly tipping competition.

The Tipping Box will be on the Members Bar from 5pm on Thursday along with your selection forms. All selections will need to be in the box by 5pm Friday evening.

The winning tipster (if more than one correct entry, a hat draw will take place) will win a \$50.00 bar tab to be redeemable in the Main Bar, preferably to be used the following week.

Try your luck this week.

LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT
SEE YOU THERE

For info regarding all games, teams and form the following web sites are recommended

http://www.planet-rugby.com/TOURNAMENTS/Super_12/Teams/index.shtml

[http://www.planet-rugby.com/stats/matches/results_listing.phtml/PR/ENG/NA?tournament_code=S12&search_type=fixtures&n](http://www.planet-rugby.com/stats/matches/results_listing.phtml/PR/ENG/NA?tournament_code=S12&search_type=fixtures&navCode=S12&setCode=tournament)
[avCode=S12&setCode=tournament](http://www.planet-rugby.com/stats/matches/results_listing.phtml/PR/ENG/NA?tournament_code=S12&search_type=fixtures&n)

rugby

Every Tatts snooker player knows he won't be home until late on the last Thursday of every month because it's the most enjoyable evening of all in the room - the monthly lightning challenge.

The committee has decided to replace the old challenge ladder event with an annual prize for players competing in these monthly events. Points are awarded for attendance and for place getters. They're tallied up at the end of the year and up goes the winner's name on the honour board.

Congratulations to Eddie Crane who steered his way through the preliminary matches and beat Greg Mizon in the final to win the 2002 challenge on the last Thursday in February.

A reminder to players who entered in the Christmas Cup to check the board and then to arrange your own games with your opponent. Please bear in mind that Joe now works only on Monday and Wednesday and it would be preferable if the games could be organised for him to referee. If it is impossible for this to be done, then it is okay to referee one's own

event, by agreement, of course.

The 2002 scratch championship snooker event has come down to the wire with the final to be held between Roger Fairbrother and Glen Wilkinson. All snooker players will be familiar with the excellent potting and snookering skills of these two blokes and everyone is encouraged to be in the audience for this game when it is arranged. Check with Joe for details.

Finally, we come to the most important competition of all: the Calcutta:

Peter Twigg, although still fighting illness, will play Rod Morton in the semi-final on March 17. The winner will then play Anthony Cummings. As to be expected of a member of the legal profession who loves his snooker, Peter has demonstrated singular strength of character and will and carries with him into the match the very best wishes of all members of the snooker club. Matt Geason, his owner, adds a little extra wish on top of all the others.

See you in the room.

Chalky

snooker news

Your return

from regular exercise

We all know we should commit to regular exercise. It is heavily promoted in the media, particularly given Australia's increasing incidence of obesity. Personally, I promote a commitment of 3 x 40 minutes sessions each week which will keep all bodily systems in check. Over the course of a week, this is a 1.1% commitment. 2 scheduled hours in 168 devoted to structured exercise will give participants the following return.

1. Psychological Benefit

De-stress the mind. The endorphin rush allows the mind to relax and switch off from the daily grind. The increase of oxygen to the brain has been proven to assist clearer thought patterns.

Empowering Effect. Those that strive for perfection in life, willingly acknowledge that exercise is essential for continued success. Exercise is the payback for mental success.

Exercise promotes a positive ego and gives you the mental advantage over others.

2. Support the Cardiovascular system

Prevent Heart disease. Heart disease claims more Australians than any other cause of death. Regular exercise strengthens the muscles of the heart, providing efficient output throughout the day.

Monitoring blood pressure. Many Tatts members I'm sure can claim the odd bit of stress throughout a working day. Exercise will support and strengthen the vessels of the body, providing a more efficient system.

Reduce stored body fat. Exercise promotes the use of fat as the preferred fuel source, thus leaving a leaner physique.

3. Slowing the aging process.

Assist coordination. All gross motor skills require regular training. If you don't use it you lose it! Our nervous system requires training just like our muscles and bones. Exercise will allow you to continue to play sport (golf, swimming, running etc) at a reasonable standard for a longer period of time.

Prevent injury and illness. Exercise promotes muscular strength and maintains your range of movements. It also has been proven to support and strengthen our always-challenged immune system.

4. Entertainment

Motivation. Exercise should not be considered a chore. Every session should provide some level of enjoyment. Whether you exercise with a friend, class situation or simply to your favourite music, aim to perceive the time to pass quickly.

Education. Exercise promotes greater body awareness. This will give you the tools to diagnose basic complications and treat them accordingly.



The Bledisloe Cup at Tatts

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We talk to Neville Jeffress

Classified King and super-fit octogenarian.

Where were you brought up?

Kogarah. Born and bred. Great grandfather came out in 1841 to work in the Sydney Sugar Company, which became CSR. He must have been doing something significant because I've got a letter that shows he was earning three pounds a week, a lot of money one hundred and fifty years ago.

I went to Hurstville Tech, I wasn't very big, however I played hockey and rugby union, but I was hopeless at woodwork and metalwork. Not a good trait for a pupil of a technical school!

So you didn't become a tradesman when you left Hurstville Tech?

No way. I left school at sixteen and got a job in the Sun newspaper as an office junior. I moved up to be a clerk and then the war came along and I went off to the Airforce.

I wanted to be a pilot, but ended up as a wireless operator/air gunner. We were called WAGS. Many service people had an awful time, but I had a wonderful war. I went to 28 countries with two years on a Sunderland squadron and all over the Middle East, East Africa, North Africa - the Sunderland was a great aircraft, we went out on patrol for anything from six to twelve hours.

We had ten or eleven crew. We WAGS would spend some time on the wireless, some time in the mid turret, some time in the back turret and then go to the wardroom and have tea or an excellent meal. The Sunderlands had a wardroom and a kitchen.

When I finished that tour, I went for further training in Canada and joined Transport Command on Dakotas ... we went all over Europe.

Any particular wartime memories stand out?

We lost a number of our planes, but I was lucky. We attacked a submarine once - but he fired back - it wasn't fair!

What did you do after the war?

I was demobbed in January 1946 and went back to the newspaper for a few months. Then I bought a newsagency at Fairlight. A nice area, but it was on top of the hill and no one came up the hill. I lost more money in newsagencies than most of them ever made.

One day a real estate agent came in and asked if I could look after his ads in the Herald. He said I'll spend one hundred pounds a month. I worked out that my 10% commission would increase my income by a quarter. That led to other agents putting their ads through me and some of them are still friends after fifty years.

Many agents would often ring their ads through at 6 o'clock at night and I'd bust my butt getting them placed, so I started looking around for ads that would come earlier.

I went looking for job ads and that became quite a business. That then led to my starting Neville Jeffress Advertising and we became the biggest business of our kind in Australia, specialising in 'non-campaign' ads, with a huge amount of our volume coming from government.

Now you have retired from the classified business?

I sold the advertising business in '96 to an international company when we had about 440 staff and billed over two hundred million - we placed material for over 1,100 Commonwealth Government offices alone.

Do you still have any business interests?

I'm retired from working, but I still am a majority shareholder of Media Monitors, Australia's largest Radio, TV and print monitoring business - it's a very hi-tech company with five hundred staff and millions of dollars of systems investment.

How did you join Tattersall's Club?

As part of the newspaper advertising fraternity I often visited to meet the boys for lunch and joined in 1971.

My wife and I dine here at least once a month and I get the bus in from Mosman and swim four days a week.

I have a wonderful life and a wonderful wife. My wife Eileen and I enjoy sport and we travel a couple of times a year.

You could say that I'm the happiest man in town.

